Petition to Accept an Unintentionally Delayed Claim under 35 U.S.C. 120

The Applicant hereby petitions to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. 120 for the benefit of a prior-filed application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(3).

- With respect to 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(3)(i), the reference required by 35 U.S.C.
 120 and 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(2) was filed in the Applicant's Reply dated April 6,
 2005 to the Office Action of February 23, 2005 and is being corrected in an Amendment, being filed concurrently herewith, in response to the Office Action of February 9, 2006;
- With respect to 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(3)(ii), the surcharge set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(t) is being submitted herewith; and
- With respect to 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(3)(iii), it is submitted that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and the date the claim is being filed concurrently herewith was unintentional.